

Please amend pg. 12, line 25 - pg. 13, line 4, as follows:

Elastic cover 18 overlays wire supports 16, bottom support 43, and an upper portion of control stick [42] 12. Cover 18 may be made from either plastic or rubber. Cover 18 is cylindrical in shape and the end of cover 18 fitted over control stick [42] 12 is opened. A perspective view of cover 18 is depicted in Fig. 3. The outer surface of cover 18 may be made smooth. Scores 30 may be located on the inner surface of cover 18. There may be more than or less than the two scores shown on cover 18. Scores 18 are preferably adjacent to ends of wires 22. Interior 44 of cap 40 may be either hollow or filled with a deformable material. Examples of suitable deformable material include soft foam rubber, putty, air, and gel.

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 16, 17, 21, 26, 29, 35, 37, and 43 as follows:

1. (Amended) A cap for a computer pointing device, comprising:

a disc,

a plurality of wire supports attached to a periphery of the disc;

a bottom support upon which portions of the plurality of wire supports reside; and

an elastic cover that overlays the disc, the plurality of wire supports, and the bottom support.

2. (Amended) The [computer pointing device] cap of claim 1, wherein a height of the cap above an upper surface of the bottom support is approximately equal to or greater than a diameter of the cap.

5. (Amended) The cap of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of wire supports comprises [three wires] a first wire, a second wire, and a third wire encased in a flexible sleeve, wherein a first end of the first wire is adjacent to the disc, a second end of the first wire is adjacent to a first end of the second wire, and a second end of the second wire is adjacent to a first end of the third wire.

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